

B.) AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the original paragraph [0042] with the following paragraph [0042]:

[0042] The geometry of the striking plate 18 is such that the main body 20 of the striking plate 18 serves as the top of the box 10. The geometry, size, and volume of the striking plate can be varied to accomplish differing sounds. In any embodiment, the main body 20 of the striking plate 18 has a top surface ~~29~~ 28 and a bottom surface 26. The striking plate 18 may or may not extend over the closed sidewalls 14 of the box 10. FIG. 1, FIG. 2, FIG. 5, FIG. 6, FIG. 9, FIG. 10, FIG. 14, FIG. 15, FIG. 18, and FIG. 20 show embodiments where the striking plate does not extend over the closed sidewalls 14 of the box 10. FIG. 3, FIG. 4, FIG. 7, FIG. 8, FIG. 11, FIG. 12, FIG. 13, and FIG. 16 show embodiments where the striking plate does not extend over the closed sidewalls 14 of the box 10. The geometry of the main body 20 of the striking plate 18 is therefore generally coexistent with the geometry created by the sidewalls 14 of the box and with the geometry of the base 12. The striking plate 20 is further comprised of a protruding portion 22, having a top surface 23 and a bottom surface 29, which is adjacent the opening 16 and which extends over and beyond the opening 16 in the sidewall 14 and which is therefore not coexistent with the sidewalls. The division between the main body 20 and the protruding portion 22 of the striking plate 18 is represented by a dotted line in the figures.

Please replace the original paragraph [0044] with the following paragraph [0044]:

[0044] The striking plate 18 has two striking surfaces. The first striking surface is the top striking surface 28 of the striking plate 18, which comprises the top surface ~~23~~ 27 of the main body 20 of the striking plate 18 and the top surface ~~27~~ 23 of the

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protruding portion 22 of the striking plate 18. The second striking surface is the bottom striking surface 29, which comprises the bottom surface of the protruding portion 22 of the striking plate 18. The bottom surface 26 of the main body 20 of the striking plate ~~20~~ 18 does not function as a striking surface.